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1. What is the relation between the foreshadowed growth of population in the urban centres over the next ten years and the growth of educational facilities, primary, secondary and vocational?

2. Is the available demographic data sufficient for the purpose of making the necessary assessment under 1.? If not what are the minimum additional requirements?

3. Is the distinction made between temporary and permanent migrants and are the facilities adjusted accordingly?

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4. Is provision made in the school facilities and curricula to deal with the special problems of the children of rural migrants?

5. Do the adult educational facilities make special provision for rural migrants and are steps taken to draw their attention to these facilities on their arrival?

6. In the curricula and methods of teaching of rural immigrants is regard paid to:

(i) the high prevailing level of illiteracy among them;

(ii) problems of language where the urban language is different from the rural dialect;

(iii) the need to provide the kind of simple general education that is basic to the vocational possibilities available locally in industry or services;

(iv) the difference of speed of response between town dwellers and rural people;

(v) the understanding by the immigrant of the demands and facilities provided by urban life; its advantages and dangers;

(vi) the need for rural entrants into industry to adapt themselves psychologically to fixed working hours and factory life;

(vii) changes in diet and distribution of family budget required by city life.